AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page M, line 9, change "IT" to --It--.

Page 15, line 16, change "615" to --620--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 12, 14, and 19-22 by rewriting the same as below:

--1. (Amended) A computerized customer acquisition method comprising the steps of:

selecting a customer account record from an electronic customer account

database of a first entity, said customer account record including a customer identifier;

determining if an individual indicated by said customer identifier is a customer of a second entity; and

providing an acquisition offer to said individual to pay an amount if said individual becomes a customer of said second entity.--

--12. (Amended) A <u>computerized</u> customer acquisition system comprising:

means for selecting a customer account record from an electronic customer

account database of a first entity, said customer account record including a customer identifier;

means for determining if an individual indicated by said customer identifier is
a customer of a second entity; and

means for providing an acquisition offer to said individual to pay an amount if said individual becomes a customer of said second entity.--



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--14. (Amended) A <u>computerized</u> customer acquisition method comprising the steps of:
establishing <u>in an electronic database</u> predefined conditions for offering to pay an
amount to an individual provided said individual becomes a customer of a first entity; and
providing said predefined conditions to a second entity to determine whether said
second entity should provide [said] <u>an</u> acquisition offer to said individual.--

--19. (Amended) A customer acquisition system comprising:

a memory for storing [a] customer account records;

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

establish predefined conditions for offering to pay an amount to an individual provided said individual becomes a customer of a first entity; and

communicate said predefined conditions to a second entity to determine whether said second entity should provide [said] an acquisition offer to said individual.--

--20. (Amended) A <u>computerized</u> customer acquisition system comprising:

means for establishing in an electronic database predefined conditions for offering to pay an amount to an individual provided said individual becomes a customer of a first entity; and

means for communicating said predefined conditions to a second entity to determine whether said second entity should provide [said] an acquisition offer to said individual.--

--21. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable <u>program</u> code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

a step to establish predefined conditions for offering to pay an amount to an individual provided said individual becomes a customer of a first entity; and

a step to communicate said predefined conditions to a second entity to determine whether said second entity should provide [said] an acquisition offer to said individual.--